

REMARKS

Applicants' gratefully acknowledge the indication in the Official Action that Claims 1-18, 20-26, 31-33, 35-37, 39-41, 44-46, 48-51, 53-55 and 57-59 have been allowed (pg. 1 of the Official Action).

According to the Official Action, no sequence listing has been provided which includes the amino acid sequence "GGGGS" as presented in the claims and specification of the application. Please note that a substitute sequence listing was filed on June 17, 2003 which lists the GGGGS sequence as SEQ ID NO:6.

Also according to the Official Action, the claims and specification need to be amended to include a reference to a particular sequence identifier whenever a reference is made to that sequence. Accordingly, Claims 1, 9, 10, 18, 20 and 24, each of which recite the GGGGS amino acid sequence, have been amended to include a reference to the relevant sequence identifier. Please note that the specification has already been amended to include a reference to the sequence identifier for the GGGGS sequence in the amendment submitted June 17, 2003. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application now complies with 37 CFR §§1.821 - 1.825.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed by the present amendments and response, Applicants believe that the present case is in condition for allowance and respectfully request early notice to that effect. If, however, any issues remain to be addressed in this matter which might be resolved by discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned counsel at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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